

Otty Lake Newsletter

May 1993

View from the Bay

The trilliums are in bloom. What more is there to say.

Sewage System Survey

by Lorne Gold, President

In response to a request from the Assoc, N.Burgess Twnsp has obtained funding from the Ontario Environmental Youth Corps Prog (EYC) to conduct a survey of the sewage systems on Otty's shoreline properties. This survey has the support and approval of N.Elmsley Twnsp. At press time, we are unsure of the final grant amount. If lower than requested, N.Burgess and the Assoc will decide how much of the lake can be surveyed this year.

Students will visit you to obtain information on your property's system. Since 1991, Upper Rideau, Black and Pike Lakes conducted similar surveys under the EYC program, with almost 100% participation by property owners.

The students will be trained by the MOE, Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit, MNR and the RVCA. The survey will provide valuable data on the types, age and general condition of sewage systems on our lakeshore properties. Information will also be collected on the nature of the shoreline and shoreline erosion.

This survey is an opportunity for you to obtain a personal evaluation of your sewage system, with reference to current standards and guidelines. You will also learn how to keep your system in good operating condition and, should you

be having problems, how to bring it up to standard.

We have a great lake but our water testing program, carried out over the last 20 years, shows that there is a gradual and continuous degradation in water quality. One way that each of us can help keep Otty healthy is to ensure that we have a properly functioning and maintained sewage system.

Your participation is crucial. You will receive full information on the survey from your Otty Lk Councillor. If you have a boat, motor, or both, that you are willing to make available to the students for even a part of the summer, please call Lorne Gold (267-7657 or 733-2449 Ottawa) or Judy Burns (267-1834).

If you know of a student studying environmental science or technology with an concern in Otty Lk who would be interested in working on the EYC project, have him/her call North Burgess Twnsp Office (267-7922) or Judy Burns.

Lake Stewardship

by Lorne Gold, President

Are you concerned about the quality of our lake water and shoreline? Are you able to contribute some time and effort to maintaining a healthy lake environment? The RVCA has invited us to participate in their Lake Stewardship Program, designed to promote healthy lakes.

Participating lake associations will receive guidance on monitoring water quality and maintaining a natural shoreline. They will receive details on environmental

threats, such as zebra mussels, special employment programs and self-help grants, and on other subjects or actions that contribute to a healthy lake environment.

Your Assoc wishes to form a Lake Stewardship Group that would represent our interests and keep us informed on ways to maintain and enhance the natural beauty of our lake. If you would like to participate, please phone me at 267-7657(c) or Wally Robbins at 523-0471(h), or approach either of us at the AGM.

Comings & Goings

Dr J. Alex Campbell, of Otty Lk and Ottawa, died on April 14th, 1993, after a prolonged illness.

Alex, a prominent scientist, was the Director of the Nutrition Bureau at Health & Welfare Canada. After retirement, he served for a time at the Caribbean Food & Nutrition Institute in Jamaica.

Soon after his arrival at Otty Lk, he was persuaded to serve the Assoc as Director of Water Quality, a responsibility he discharged with skill, knowledge and grace. Alex travelled through many lands in the course of his career but at Otty Lk, he was the perfect resident, a fine example of good environmental management and a model for his community. He will be missed.

Over April 18-19th, the ice quietly disappeared from Otty Lk and by noon on the 19th, the loons had returned. According to long-time residents, this visible change of the seasons is right on schedule.

Loon Survey

by Christine Edmundson

The success for the '92 Loon Survey depended largely on the much appreciated reports received from residents and cottagers around the lake. Thank you.

However, to continue collating this data in an efficient manner, I would like to establish a network for information gathering around the lake. If you are interested in reporting on the loons in your area, four times during the season, please contact me at 264-0395.

Fire Routes

by Eddie Edmundson

The draft plan locating all properties on the lake has been completed and submitted by the Assoc to the BBD&E Fire Chief. This will be used to designate fire routes.

The Fire Chief has also advised us that negotiations are underway at the County level to establish an overall policy for fire routes which could be integrated with a future 911 emergency service for the area. Pending the result of these discussions, there will be a delay of any designated fire routes. Hopefully, the wheels of bureaucracy will turn quickly.

Greetings Area Councillors!

Nancy Kenyon & Amy Pokorny

Thank you for last year's faithful work. For 1993, come meet your fellow councillors, have some ^{mini} cookies, pick up receipt books and brochures, and be up-dated on the sewage system survey and your role in it. This friendly gathering will

be at Amy Pokorny's home on Sunday, May 23rd, 3-5pm. Amy is on the North Shore Rd, 5.3km from the Scotch Line, between Maple Glen and Burgesswood. Balloons will be at the gate and on the dock.

If you can't make it, please contact either Amy (267-1626) or Nancy (994-1211, 235-4286 or 264-0389) ASAP. If necessary, we'll have a second "open house", Sunday July 4th.

Garbage Pick-up

by Amy Pokorny

North Elmsley residents are reminded to put their garbage out on the day it is collected - Monday, in most areas. Leaving it out overnight provides a feast for the skunks and raccoons *plus* a huge, unsanitary mess for someone else to clean up.

Bulletin Board

* The 1993 AGM will be held on Saturday, July 10th, 10am at the Perth Public Library. In addition to committee reports, there will be a special display on aquatic plants found in Otty Lake. This is a result of an inspection done last summer by Don Galloway, Recreational Lakes Evaluator, MOE.

Call Ottawa, 825-5619 for:

- * Cottage on Otty Lk, available June 27th-July 31st. 2BR, N/S.
- * Cottage, available July 21st-Aug 4th. Shoreline & water depth unsuitable for children and non-swimmers.
- * Wanted to buy: small rowboat (8'), and/or electric trolling motor.

*Found: a 10' aluminum boat was washed up on shore last fall. Call 264-9034 if you think it's yours.

MAPLE

by Bob Waldeck

MAPLE has been included in the work plan for the Eastern Ontario Model Forest and allocated a grant of \$22,400 for the year 1993/94. No grant was received for the nursery work.

Nursery Day was held on May 15th with another one scheduled for June 5th, 8:30am to 5pm. MAPLE is sponsoring a seminar on August 7th, at 8:30am at the Christie Lk Nursery and Glen Tay Public School. Fee: Lake Member - \$75, Additional Person(s) - \$50; Non-Member (1st person) \$100, Additional Person(s) - \$50.

Membership Report

by Judy Burns, Membership Secretary

Again, we have had an increase in the Memberships for 1992 over 1991. Congratulations councillors on your hard and diligent work for the Assoc. The following is a break down for the past three years:

	92	91	90
# Cottages	411	408	401
# Pd Mmbrs	363	352	319
Maple Glen			
Members	10	-	-
BurgessWd	8	-	-
# Perm Res	126	114	?

Also, 56 people paid their '93 membership fees last year.

Our mailing brought only a return of 7 letters out of a total of 425; this is a reduction of 10 over the

previous mailing. Please, if you move, keep us informed.

at the GWM. Your Executive hopes that you will be able to support this request for improved health care facilities serving Otty Lake.

Treasurer's Report Jan1 - Dec31 '92
by John Burns, Treasurer

Assets (1/1/92)	\$5,565.61
Revenue	
Membership Fees	\$3,820.00
C/D Interest	245.45
TOTAL REVENUE	\$9,631.06
Expenses	
Postage & Stationery	\$ 766.73
Printing	447.13
Water Testing (Girdwood)	600.00
Lab Analysis (Bonder-Clegg)	480.00
Memberships	
Maple	50.00
FOCA	255.00
Advertising	42.50
GST	145.39
Miscellaneous	164.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,950.75
BALANCE	\$6,680.31+
Amount on Deposit CIBC	\$1,093.29
less o/s cheques	12.98
	1,080.31
Term Deposit (due 7/1/93)	5,600.00
Total Assets (31/12/92)	\$6,680.31

The Outdoors Card: Do you have yours?
from MNR

Beginning Jan 1/93, any Ontario resident who wishes to hunt or fish in the province will need an Outdoors Card. This new, wallet-sized card will be good for three years and costs \$6, including GST. You will need one to buy a hunting or angling licence from now on.

Ontario residents who are under 16 or over 65 years old do not need a licence or an Outdoors Card to go fishing. However, all hunters, regardless of age, do.

While there are separate cards for hunters and anglers, you will only need one card. If you hunt and fish, your hunting card can be used to buy a sport fishing licence.

Under the new system, most paper licences will be replaced by stickers, or "licence tags" affixed to the back of the card. For the time-being, Ontario will continue to sell non-resident angling and hunting licences in paper form. Canadian residents who live outside Ontario will likely be treated as residents for angling purposes, but as non-residents for hunting.

If you bought a hunting or sport fishing licence in 1992, you should have received an application form for the Outdoors Card in the mail. If you did not, you can pick one up at any MNR office (Carleton Place and Kemptville are the closest to Otty Lk).

GWM Hospital: A Healthy Development

Included in this newsletter, is a brochure from the GWM Hospital requesting your financial support for their redevelopment campaign. The community has already raised \$6 million of the \$17.5 million price tag and the hospital is in its final stages to raise \$1.5 million for equipment and furnishings.

During the summer, the emergency and out-patient load increases 300%